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Lift Irrigation Schemes under Indira Gandi Canal Project

2468. SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of lift irrigation schemes under Indira Gandhi Canal Project for which the approval of the Union Government was sought by the Government of Rajasthan;

(b) whether the Union Government have got the approval of the Planning Commission for these schemes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c). The revised estimate of Rs. 931.24 crores for the Indira Gandhi Nahar Project, Stage-II was accorded investment clearence by the Planning Commission in April 1987. This approval is for a Culturable Command Area of 10.12 lakh ha. including 3.12 lakh ha. from six lift irrigation scheme as under:

	Name of lift scheme	*Culturable Command Area (ha)*
(i)	Sahawa	97049
(ii)	Gajner	49537
(iii)	Bangarsar	8500
(iv)	Kolayat	77756
(v)	Phalodi	56750
(vi)	Pokaran	22700
	Total:	3,12,292

Construction of Crossing of Link Channel with Sirhind Feeder

2469. SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan has requested the Government of Punjab for giving to temporary closure in the Sirhind feeder for the construction of the crossing of the link channel for Indira Gandhi nahar feeder with Sirhind feeder;

(b) if so, whether the Government of Punjab has acceded to the request;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether the Union Government propose to issue directives to the Government of Punjab in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) and (d). A meeting of the Chief

Ministers of Rajasthan and Haryana and the Government of Punjab has been called on 21st December, 1991 to discuss the issues associated with this matter.

Drought Hit Areas of Rajasthan

2470. SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULATUE be pleased to state:

(a) the areas declared as drought hit in Rajasthan this year;

(b) the cattle deaths reported so far due to drought in Rajasthan;

(c) whether cattle camps have been opened in Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN): (a) to (d). The information is being collected from the State Government of Rajasthan and will be laid on the table of the House.

[English]

LPG Connections in Karnataka

2471. SHRI G. MADEGOWDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons in the waiting list for LPG connections in Karnataka upto June 1991 and the number out of them from Mandya, Pandavapura and Srirangapatna in Mandya District; and

(b) the number of new LPG connections to be provided during 1991 in Karnataka and the number out of which are proposed to be provided to the persons at the above places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) As on. 1.10.1991 there were about 3.08 lakh persons on the waiting list of Karnataka. Town-wise break up of waiting list is not maintained.

(b) Allocation of new LPG connections is not being done Statewise or on town-wise basis, but is based on availiability of LPG in the country and other economic consideration of viability of the distributors.

Electricity Dues from Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited to Karnataka Electricity Board

2472. SHRI G. MADEGOWDA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any dues are to be paid by the Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited to Karnataka Electricity Board towards electricity charges;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reason for not paying them; and

(c) the time by which the dues are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c). As at the end of March, 1991 the total energy and other charges claimed by KEB from KIOCL was Rs. 213 crores (approximately). Of this, a sum of Rs.104 crores, determined as payble (to KEB) in terms of the Government of Karnataka orders dated 6.9.1985,regulating the tariff charge applicable of KIOCL, has been paid by KIOCL. The tariff rates payble from may,1987 onwards are yet to be fixed in terms of the above mentioned State Government order. The matter is under discussion by KIOC *with KEB and the State Government.*